



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024 | 10:30AM

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

AN EASTER HODIE

DUDLEY-SMITH/HUSTAD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen today!

✦ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

I WILL RISE

CHRIS TOMLIN

✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The stone is rolled away!

We assume it is a mistake.

The angels say, "He is not here!"

We assume their news is fake.

The women tell the story,

But we do not want to hear it.

Peter runs to the tomb,

But we do not understand.

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.

Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world. Teach us to see what you see. Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

(We continue in silence...)

✦ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

We invite you to fill out the fellowship pads with your information so we can be in fellowship with you!

Confession: Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed Tradition.

✦ **JOYFUL RESPONSE** *GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME* 582
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24*
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!* *WREN/BEETHOVEN*
ARR. HOPSON

SCRIPTURE READING *LUKE 24:1-12*
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *AND I HOPE*

✦ **SERMON HYMN** *JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY* 232

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more. But today, we are a people of hope.
We believe in new beginnings. We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.
We believe that tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.
We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope. Amen.

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

Sermon Reflections:
What fills you with wonder and awe today?

When have you begun again - despite heartbreak, or grief, or failures?

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

✦ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

✦ SENDING HYMN

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

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✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you to our guest musicians:
Katie Brinkman, Joshua Puente, Sam Rivera and MacKenzie Selimi

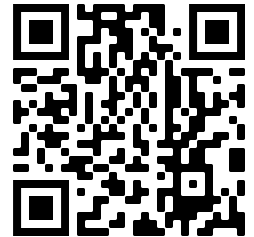
WELCOME VISITORS

A very special welcome to any visitors among us today. We sincerely hope that, when you leave us today, you have an abundant sense of love and welcome. Our pastor, A.J., would love to speak with you and your family if you have any questions about who we are as a family, and what we feel called to do and be in our neighborhood. You can call or text him on his cell phone at 404-660-2734 or email him at revmealor@gmail.com. We hope that you have a blessed week and that you'll join us again.

Give Joyfully Cards

We give not only our money, but everything we have to God. Please read our Give Joyfully card in the pew rack. You may place it in the offering plate as a reminder to offer yourself to God this week.

You may give to the church digitally by using your camera to hover over the QR code below which will take you to our online giving page.



Worship Leaders:

Elizabeth McGinniss
Rev. A.J. Mealor
Phillip Ashley
Karey Fowler

Next Week's Readings:

Psalm 3
John 21:1-19

NEWS TO KNOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 31:

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00AM SUNRISE SERVICE

9:00AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30AM EASTER EGG HUNT

9:30AM UNITY CIRCLE

10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
(IN PERSON & YOUTUBE)

11:30AM FELLOWSHIP HOUR

11:45AM HAND BELL REHEARSAL

MONDAY, APRIL 1:

OFFICE CLOSED

2:30PM BUNCO (ZOOM)

7:00PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE (ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3:

6:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:45PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL

All services will be on [YouTube](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Fisher Yaney Audree Yaney Glenda & Ken Wilson Betty & Jack McCoy
Tom Shields Jessica Burr Elaine Wilbur & sons Billy Dickson Larry Everett
The Family of Monti Campbell Jim Wacksman The Family of Patty Domico
Judy Renwick Duane Woods Bill Donalson The Vance Family
Melanie Jordan Libbie Mull Jordan Melgaard The Burr Family

FRIENDS OF FAMILY

Randolph McInvale
The Family of Timothy Wellner
(Donna & Rodney Weisman)

Kim McDaniel, Linda Kelley
(Jan Bell)

Joann Bohl, Doug & Dani Moore
Mary Lee & Louise Stader
(Alice & Chuck Saunders)

Jerre Michelin, Lynne Campbell
(Rita Schumm)

The Charles Miller Family
(Kay Majors)

Heather Bailey Ray
(Lisa Bigham)

Lincoln Apel & Family
(Cochran Keating)

Nikita Mac
(Jamie Seidman McDonnell)

Dan Mercer
(Beth & John Mercer)

Charlie Sinclair
(Jane Fletcher)

Lisa, Mrs. Kristine Joubert
(Lacy Bigham)

The Family of Bob Piccard
(Rev. Mary Vance)

Mike, Ron & Susan Crolla
(The Burrs)

Raymond Stoffel (Rita's brother)
(Roger & Rita Sockman)

Bobbie Buckingham
(Frank & Jean McGoogan)

Lee Steel, Matt Jarvis, Josh Huff,
Mother, Father
(Doc Dean)

Carolyn Parsons, Calliope Rose
(Michele Reed)

Emily & Charles Landreth
Ed Whichard
(Bill Donalson)

Cade and Family
(Kristin Morgan)

Cindy Ford (my daughter)
(Betty Sprouse McCoy)

Sapp Family, Borges Family
Hardy/Counts Family
(Beth Hall)

Tim (Paul's brother)
(Elizabeth & Paul McGinniss)

Bob, Abigail (granddaughter)
(Angelyn Bagwell)

Bill Williams
Charles Knight, Van Knight
The Family of Charlie Field
(Jeannie Dixon)

Shelia (my niece),
Elaine Trammell (my sister)
(Louise Sadler)

The Family of Jim Rothschild
(Ellen Seidman)

Dan & Jackie
(Donni Sorrell)

Bunnie Ison, Patrice High
(Diane Bodenhamer)

Minnie Lee Vann (my mother)
(Gerome Brown)

All Military & Families,
Robert Gamble &
This Child Here

If you have a prayer concern or celebration, or are interested in becoming a part of the prayer chain ministry, please call the office at (850) 893-0617 or send an email to fellowshipprayer@comcast.net.

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